

TODAY

Calendar

Nano Night
The Center for Nano Molecular Science and Technology presents the 10th Annual Nano Night 2011 where graduate students showcase their accomplishments in the Faulkner Building at 5 p.m.

Texas Softball
Longhorns play North Texas at McCombs Field at 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$3-9.

Clothing Swap
The Division of Housing and Food Services hosts a clothing swap to promote sustainable living practices on campus at the Jester West Lobby at 7 p.m. Clothing items are available to residents for \$1 each.

‘Speak’
INSPIRE UT and The Center for Women's and Gender Studies hosts a multilingual monologue show written by its performers for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in CAL 100 at 8 p.m. They will be accepting \$5 suggested donations at the door.

‘Reforming the Cult of Saints’
Kelley Magill, a current Blanton intern and art history Ph.D. candidate gives a lecture at the Blanton Museum of Art at 12:30 p.m.

Today in history
In 1865
John Wilkes Booth fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C.

Campus watch
Just wanted to be a Longhorn
Carothers Dormitory, 2501 Whitis Ave.
At 4:10 p.m., Monday, a non-UT student was discovered sleeping inside the reading room located in the basement of the dormitory. During the investigation, the subject handed the officers his Oklahoma ID card, but didn't explain why he was there. The subject received a Criminal Trespass Warning.


Quote to note
“I was inspired by haute couture and wanted the garments to express the artist within me working through the medium of clothing.”
— **Sophia Albanna**
UT fashion designer
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Student travel to Japan restricted for safety concerns

By Allie Kolečta
Daily Texan Staff

The University required students studying abroad in Japan to return and also restricted Japanese international students from visiting Japan in the aftermath of a March earthquake and tsunami.

Although some areas in the northeastern part of the country, including the city of Sendai, were directly affected, most of the country remains unharmed and out of immediate danger, said faculty in the Jackson School of Geosciences.

While power outages and production problems were country-wide, the earthquake did not affect as much as three-fourths of Japan directly, said Cliff Frohlich, associate director of the Jackson School of Geosciences. The Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant is still a concern, but it shouldn't mean that no one can travel to the country, he said.

“I don't know what the Japanese government's position is, but in terms of earthquake risk, most of Japan wasn't directly affected,” he said. “I don't see any reason why people couldn't visit parts of Japan in the South and Southwest.”

Five students were in Japan at the time of the earthquake, and 10 more planned to depart for Japan within the following month, said Heather Barclay Hamir, director of the Study Abroad Office. The International Oversight Committee — a group in the UT Study Abroad Office that determines guidelines for the health and safety of traveling UT students — classified Japan as a Category 2 restricted region on the University's restricted regions list, she said.

According to the study abroad website, regions classified as Category 2 are high-risk and travel to them is restricted. Other countries ranked as Category 2 include Egypt, Libya and parts of Mexico, including many border

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Best to de-stress



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Education junior Maren Holyoak gets a smooch from Dirk, a therapy dog from Therapy Pet Pals of Texas, at this year's annual Stressfest.

Therapy dogs, massage tables and stress balls filled the porch of the Flawn Academic Center on Wednesday to help stressed-out students relax as part of the 14th-annual Stressfest.

The Counseling and Mental Health Center hosted the event, and other organizations, including RecSports and the Gender and Sexuality Center, attempted to help teach students about the stress-management resources available on campus as finals approach.

“It is a good time to get the message out there that people have somewhere to go to and talk about things when they start feeling overwhelmed,” said Asad Kirmani, a psychiatrist with the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center.

Resources include mental-health counseling and group counseling, massages at Gregory Gym and the Mind-Body Lab at the Student Services Building, which features audio and video programs to help students with areas such as healthy body image, sleep and muscle relaxation.

— Erika Rich

Controversial position filled before approval

By Matthew Stottlemire
Daily Texan Staff

UT System Board of Regents officials may have made the controversial hire of a special adviser without the necessary recommendation from the chancellor, according to emails obtained by the Houston Chronicle.

In February, the Board of Regents hired Rick O'Donnell to report to the board for two task forces on efficiency and online learning. His salary was originally set at \$200,000 per year.

Lawmakers, University officials, alumni and donors expressed concern through statements and letters to the board about O'Donnell's writings on higher education reform that call for lowered emphasis on research. Concerns centered on O'Donnell's work with the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a think tank that advocates for more emphasis on teaching versus research at public universities. In response, the board shortened O'Donnell's appointment and reassigned him to report to System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa until Aug. 31.

The emails obtained by the Chronicle indicate board chairman Gene Powell and general counsel to the board Francie Frederick created the job posting and



Rick O'Donnell
Adviser to UT System Board of Regents

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82ND LEGISLATURE

TIP Fellows sponsor debate on concealed gun legislation

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

As the Texas House and Senate consider legislation that would legalize concealed carry of handguns on campus by licensed individuals, four members of the UT community met Wednesday to debate the issue in the Texas Union Theatre.

The panel was sponsored by the Texas Interdisciplinary Plan Fellows, an honors program. The panel discussion focused on a House bill that would allow license holders to carry a concealed handgun on campuses of higher education and bar these institutions from establishing rules that prohibit concealed handguns. The Senate's version of the bill is currently stalled because Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, is not sure he has the votes necessary to bring it to the floor.

Rep. David Simpson, R-Longview, the author of the

House's concealed carry on campus bill, and Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, an opponent of the bill, were scheduled to speak at the panel discussion but were unable to attend because the House was still in session.

“All people live under the Second Amendment, yet from state to state and region to region, we all have different interpretations of how you can expand on that amendment,” said Moon Draper, a biology lecturer who moderated the panel.

Kory Zipperer, vice president of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, is

“The funny thing [is], these people who have these licenses are so law-abiding,” said Kory Zipperer, vice president of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus. “They are seven times more law-abiding than the average citizen.”

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A study by the UT Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research shows a newfound link between alcohol and memory.

Photo illustration by Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

Environment may raise drug-relapse risk

By Huma Munir
Daily Texan Staff

People remember certain odors and sights from settings where they do drugs, including alcohol, and will remember the experience if they come into contact with similar settings, according to a new study by the Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research at UT.

For example, if a person is consuming alcohol in a room that smells like oranges, the smell becomes a reminder of their experience, said associate pharmacy professor Christine Duvauchelle, a member of the center. She said the smell will trigger cravings and lead to addiction over time as the person repeatedly comes in contact with it.

“The environment that the alcohol drinking occurs in gets associated with the drinking itself,” Duvauchelle said.

The study breaks ground in showing that such reminders can enhance addictions and cravings. When a person comes into contact with cues that remind them of their drug experience, their addiction may worsen, said Brian Bernier, a neuroscience graduate student who worked on the study as part of his dissertation.

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Addiction is a form of learning because the parts of the brain that are involved in teaching about things that are considered rewarding, such as food, do the same for drugs, and that reward response causes addiction, Bernier said.

Bernier conducted the experiment on mice by giving them alcohol repeatedly over a week and then studying the changes in neurons in certain parts of the brain that trigger addiction.

He said the exposure to drugs makes it easier for our brains to build associations in the future. Neurons — brain cells that transmit information to different parts of the body — cause cravings when the brain experiences those associations.

It is a widely accepted notion in the neuroscience community that alcohol consumption can enhance a person's ability to build associations at a subconscious level, said associate neurobiology professor Hitoshi Morikawa, a member of the center.

Looking forward, the study may help create anti-addiction drugs that weaken the associations in the brain and help cure addictions, Morikawa said.

"We are currently testing certain drugs on animal models of drug addiction with this idea in mind," he said.

Friar Society awards fellowship to professor for contributions

The Friar Sociey awarded the Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship to geosciences professor Jay Banner on Wednesday.

The society, the membership of which includes students who have made significant contributions at UT, surprised Banner in class with a \$25,000 fellowship made possible from an alumni endowment. This is the 25th year Friars have awarded the fellowship to an outstanding undergraduate professor.

The selection process takes about two months, said fellowship award co-chair John Brady. He said finalists are picked



Jay Banner
Geosciences professor

from a pool of 100 nominations made by faculty and students each semester. Brady said students and fellow faculty members of the finalists are interviewed.

"We visit the classrooms of those finalists and get a feel for their teaching styles face-to-face, among other things, before we pick the winner," Brady said.

Brady said \$5,000 of the fellowship must fund student-related activities or research and how the remainder of money is spent is left to the professor's discretion.

— Yvonne Marquez

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states. The 50-mile radius around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant is ranked as a Category 1 region, meaning that travel is extremely limited. The University based their rankings on the after-effects of the earthquake and tsunami and continuing problems at the nuclear power plant, Barclay Hamir said.

The earthquake in Japan was larger than anyone had estimated it could be and was one of the dozen largest earthquakes in the last 100 years, Frohlich said. Japan has some of the best seismologists

in the world and is extremely well-prepared for earthquakes, but did not anticipate a nine on the Richter scale, he said.

"In a way, what happened in Japan was just a horrible coincidence," he said. "You can't really prepare for that, and Japan did quite well. That doesn't mean it's not a disaster, but I'm impressed with how Japan handled things."

While much of the country is past the danger of the earthquakes themselves, the Fukushima Plant is still a major concern because of the chemical byproducts it releases into the water, said Nicholas Hayman, research associate in the School of Geosciences. That, coupled with the panic in Tokyo, is reason to hold off on travel to Japan for now, he said.

"To me, the thing that's sensible about having some caution about Japanese people coming and going is the sense of emergency," he said. "It's not just UT — many universities are putting restrictions on traveling to Japan as well. It makes sense for the general public to have caution about going there."

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made the hiring decision.

The Chronicle reported the chancellor wrote asking for specifics on the position after it was posted online Feb. 11.

"I really do not know full responsibilities — just generalities," Cigarroa wrote, according to the Chronicle. "Who is going to announce this to our officers? They should not be caught by surprise."

After the making the hire on Feb. 28, Frederick told Powell to inform the rest of the board and the chancellor of the hire, according to the emails. Four days later, Frederick informed Powell the chancellor was up to date.

The System defended its hiring of the adviser. A spokesman said the hiring process for O'Donnell wasn't out of the ordinary and adhered to all relevant state regulations.

"It is my understanding the Board Office followed standard and established recruitment and hiring processes as administered by the Office of Employee Services," said system spokesman Anthony DeBruyn.

System policy makes the board responsible for hiring or appointing all system employees "upon the recommendation of the Chancellor."

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Associate biology professor Molly Cummings said if the grades she gives out to students derail their professional dreams it could lead to extreme frustration. She said she can not simultaneously lecture while also scanning her classroom for concealed handgun carriers. Cummings said she would be a sitting duck in her own classroom.

"Why am I not afraid of CHL holders in other parts of my life like in the grocery store or at the movie theater?" Cummings said. "Frankly, I do not hold sway over the person standing next to me in the produce aisle whether or not they get to go to medical school. Here at the University of Texas, I do."

John Woods, a microbiology graduate student who attended Virginia Tech during the 2007 campus shooting that left 33 people dead, said he is tired of gun advocates using that tragedy to promote legislation he doesn't believe

will solve the problem.

Dane Marone, a licensed handgun carrier and Navy veteran who works in computer support at the McCombs School of Business, said Woods makes excellent arguments, but his emotional attachment to the issue reduces his credibility.

"I'm disappointed the arguments have been so abstract and emotionally driven as opposed to based on reality and real arguments," Marone said.

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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I was in Future Farmers of America!

CLARIFICATION

Because of an editing error, Monday's page 1 news story about Roundup should have said the photos were taken in April 1990.

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Ivory Coast dictator arrested, may face prosecution for crimes

By Joan Lowy & Scott Sonner
The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast's president tried to establish order in the days after the country's strongman was arrested, moving him to a secure location and assuring the public that looting and gunfire will cease, and life will soon return to normal.

President Alassane Ouattara said Laurent Gbagbo had been moved out of the Golf Hotel, where he was taken after his capture on Monday. He said Gbagbo will be kept in a villa and that his rights as a former head of state will be respected. A U.N. official said that its peacekeeping forces are providing personal security protection for Gbagbo.

"Gbagbo is in a residence under surveillance somewhere in Ivory Coast," Ouattara told reporters at the Golf Hotel.

The justice minister is preparing for possible prosecution of Gbagbo, he said, but gave no details.

"There will be charges [against Gbagbo] on a national level and an international level," he said. "Reconciliation cannot happen without justice."

Criminal Court had no immediate comment on Ouattara's statement.

Quattara also repeated his call against violence and asked fighters to put down their arms so that the country's biggest city, which has been on lockdown while battles raged over the last two weeks, could return to normal.

"We need to secure the country, notably Abidjan," he said. "It is important for the country to emerge from this crisis on top."

The scars of fighting were still evident everywhere on Wednesday as civilians ventured out from their houses for the first time, and cars began to tentatively circulate, many with white cloths tied to their radio antenna so that they wouldn't be mistaken for combatants.

Quattara said he will settle into the presidential palace in the coming days, but that a swearing-in ceremony is not a priority and will take place at a later date. He said his priority is to provide security for Ivoirians, to establish law and order and to get the country working. Many Ivoirians went without food and water as fighting roiled the nation last week. An Associated Press reporter said that on the road from the port city of San Pedro to the central city of Gagnoa



A republican forces soldier practices Tae Kwon Do moves as he stands guard with other soldiers during a patrol in the Cocody neighborhood of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on Wednesday. The new Ivory Coast's president is trying to establish order in the days after the country's strongman was arrested, assuring the public that looting and gunfire will cease and life will soon return to normal.

Rebecca Blackwell
Associated Press

there was also no gas available.

Teams of Red Cross workers combed the city for corpses, shoveling their charred remains off the

pavement and stacking black body bags in hearses.

Gbagbo refused to cede power after losing a November election,

leading to the standoff that plunged the West African nation into chaos and killed untold numbers of people. More than 1 million civilians

fled their homes amid the fighting, which also completely shut down the economy of the cocoa-producing powerhouse.



Cliff Owen | Associated Press

The FAA control tower at Reagan National Airport is seen during a storm, in Arlington, Va.

Sleeping air traffic controllers affect safety revamp

By Marco Chown Oved
The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A napping air traffic controller who forced a medical flight to land unaided in Nevada brought swift reaction from the Federal Aviation Administration, which on Wednesday added a second overnight controller at 26 airports and a radar facility. The move came after several other recent incidents of controllers sleeping during their shifts.

The controller at Reno-Tahoe International Airport was out of communication for about 16 min-

utes when the aircraft carrying at least three people was landing about 2 a.m. Wednesday, the FAA said. No injuries were reported.

"This is absolutely unacceptable," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement. "The American public trusts us to run a safe system. Safety is our No. 1 priority and I am committed to working 24/7 until these problems are corrected."

It was the second case this week of a controller being suspended for sleeping on the job. A controller at Boeing Field-King County International in Seattle fell asleep dur-

ing his morning shift on Monday and was suspended, FAA said. He was already facing disciplinary action for sleeping on two separate occasions during an early evening shift in January, the agency said.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association has warned against putting controllers alone on shifts and assigning tiring work schedules.

Two controllers at the airport in Lubbock were suspended for an incident in the early morning hours of March 29, the agency said. In that instance, a controller in Fort Worth had to try repeatedly to raise the Lub-

back controllers in order to hand off control of an inbound aircraft. The controllers also failed to hand off a plane departing Lubbock to the Fort Worth radar center, FAA said.

The latest cases follow three previously disclosed incidents in which controllers have been suspended, including two episodes of controllers sleeping on duty.

"Air traffic controllers are responsible for making sure aircraft safely reach their destinations. We absolutely cannot and will not tolerate sleeping on the job," FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement Wednesday.



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OVERVIEW

All the help we can get

Last summer, Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, authored an amendment to a higher-education bill stipulating that Gov. Rick Perry maintain state education funding levels for Texas to receive \$830 million of federal education funds. Perry claimed Doggett's amendment — which aimed to prevent the state from redirecting federal education funds to other areas — was unconstitutional, and the Department of Education subsequently denied Texas' application for federal education funding.

Almost a year later, Texas may finally receive that \$830 million without Doggett's contingencies. Last Friday, the House of Representatives approved a measure by Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, to invalidate Doggett's amendment as part of the deal to avoid a federal government shutdown.

Doggett's amendment was not intended to deprive Texas of education funding but rather to ensure that federal education funds went directly to Texas education. While we supported Doggett's amendment and its intentions, we are nevertheless glad the state will receive the much-needed federal education money. As Republicans in the Legislature are planning to disproportionately cut state education funds to overcome the multibillion-dollar budget deficit they created, Texas education needs all the help it can get.

More questions about Rick O'Donnell

More questionable details are emerging about the hiring of anti-research regent adviser Rick O'Donnell.

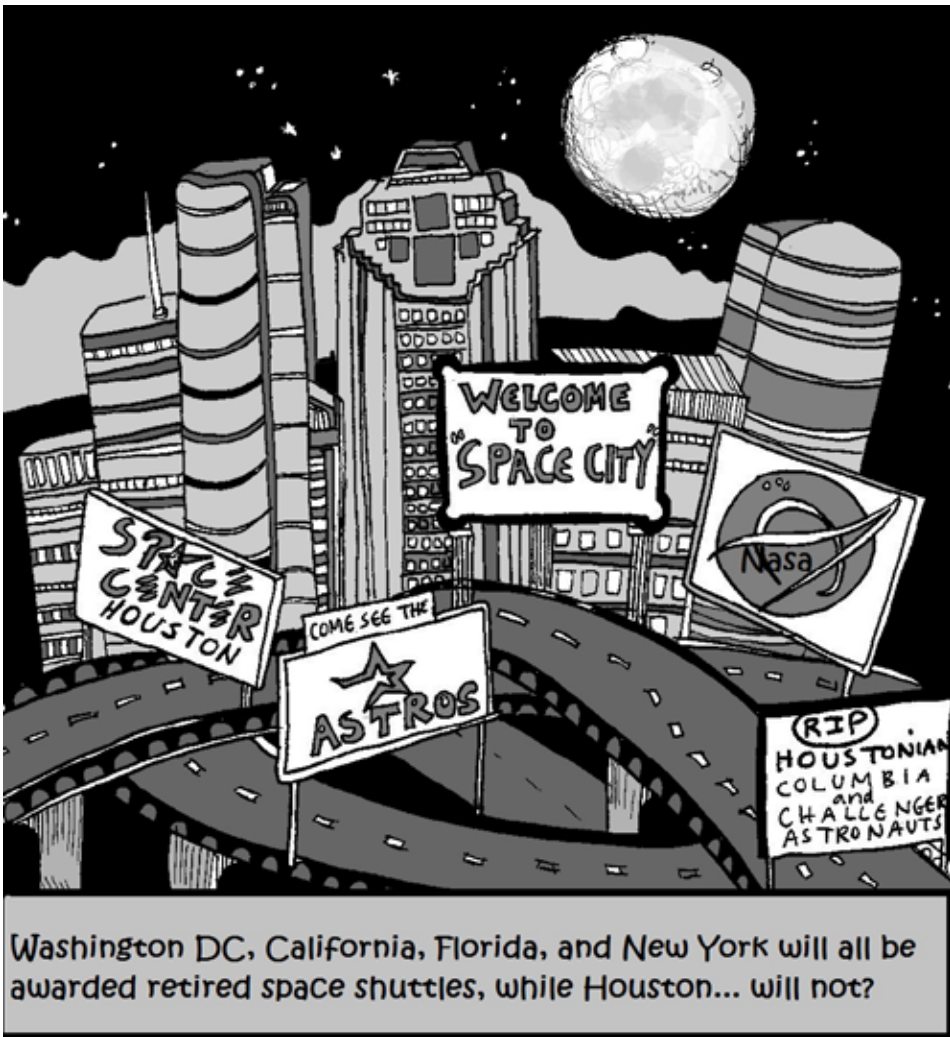
According to emails obtained by the Houston Chronicle, O'Donnell met with regent officials to discuss the position the day before it was formally announced. Then, the day after the job description was posted online, a regent representative explicitly contacted O'Donnell to suggest he apply. The position was available online for about two weeks, during which time eight individuals expressed interest. But O'Donnell was the only applicant interviewed.

To make matters worse, the emails revealed that UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa was generally kept out of the loop throughout the entire process, despite the position's high level of influence in the UT System — and his staggering \$200,000 salary.

These revelations are just the most recent in a puzzling and disturbing saga involving O'Donnell, and they have dangerous implications regarding the future of the UT System. Hiring an outside consultant to analyze the financial efficiency of the system is a perfectly reasonable move, especially given the dire financial straits facing higher education in Texas. However, the lack of transparency throughout the hiring process, even between UT System officials (never mind the public), further cements perceptions that O'Donnell's hiring had more to do with filling high level UT positions with those who support the anti-research agenda advocated by Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Public Policy Foundation than it did with saving money.

Fortunately, prominent figures in the UT community — such as respected professors, student leaders and the Texas Exes alumni group — brought attention to O'Donnell's hiring, positions and salary and continue to pressure the Regents about the disturbing advances of the anti-research camp. But these emails reveal the mounting influence of anti-research proponents and the need for continued scrutiny of the regents and other UT decision makers to protect UT's academic integrity.

GALLERY



Taxation alone won't improve public health

By Kate Clabby
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas Senate Bill 1004, which is currently under consideration, would levy a 1-cent-per-ounce tax on all nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. It excludes beverages that contain milk or milk products, milk substitutes such as soy milk, or at least 50 percent juice, as well as infant formula. It includes soda, diet soda, energy drinks, fruit punch and sports drinks such as Gatorade. Thirty-three states have similar taxes, usually known as "soda taxes."

Texas needs money. Axing necessary public spending, not to mention funding for our University, can only go so far. Democratic Sen. Eddie Lucio, who proposed the bill, claims that it could raise \$4 billion every two years. Soda is a luxury good that nobody needs, and taxing soda is a better idea than taxing income or food or restricting our access to financial aid.

But Lucio also claims that his tax is a good way to fight obesity. Little more than high fructose corn syrup and chemical additives dissolved in water, soda is one of the only calorie sources that almost everyone agrees has no health benefits. And although it's not clear whether a tax as low as a penny per ounce will really decrease soda consumption, if it does, at least some health improvements are sure to follow. But food activists should not fight for taxation as a way to discourage unhealthy food choices. Food industry lobbyists are too powerful and nutrition science is too fallible for me to trust the government to define healthy eating.

And while a soda tax is pretty innocuous, I wouldn't want legislators to take the idea

of taxing ostensibly unhealthy foods any further. What if Texas decided to tax whole milk but not skim? The USDA's Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends switching from whole milk to reduced-fat or skim. While skim milk may be a better option for many people, some people actually choose whole milk for health reasons. It has more fat-soluble vitamins, including vitamins A and D, than skim milk. Some people need more fat or more calories in their diets than others. And although the USDA takes the stance that saturated fat causes heart disease, some recent research suggests that the connection isn't so clear.

The minutiae of nutritional arguments are less important than the fact that these arguments exist. And as long as they do, we have no business using taxes to discourage food purchases that the USDA's nutritionists, perhaps rightly and perhaps wrongly, have deemed healthier. Besides that, food choices are more than just nutritional choices. Think about the cultural implications of a Texas tax on lard. Lard, or rendered pork fat, has one of the worst reputations among cooking fats, despite the fact that less than half of its fats are saturated. But it's also a staple in Mexican cooking. A tax on lard would be a tax on traditional Mexican cuisine. It would likely hit Texans of Mexican heritage the hardest and it would also imply a value judgment on long-standing cultural traditions.

Similar arguments have been made against a soda tax: Because soda is more widely consumed by low-income people, a tax on soda would hit low-income populations hardest. This is a valid argument, but it's not quite the same argument. While lard and whole milk have been used by tradi-

tional cultures for many generations, soda as we know it is relatively new. And soda consumption among low-income people is likely so prevalent not because of deeply rooted cultural preferences but because soda, on a per-calorie basis in comparison to other food, is cheap. But, ironically, it is government policy that makes it so cheap. High fructose corn syrup, the main ingredient in soda, is made from corn. And corn is subsidized: Our government pays farmers to grow it in massive quantities so they can sell their crops below the price of production and still stay in business. The most heavily subsidized crops, such as corn and soy, are used primarily as raw ingredients for processed food and as feed for factory-farmed animals.

Artificially lowering the price of unhealthy processed foods, making produce and pasture-raised animal products expensive by comparison, victimizes low-income people far more than a soda tax. The real solution is to eliminate these subsidies. But change at the federal level will be slow-going. So it is reasonable (if somewhat ironic) to suggest that at the state level, we could partially and imperfectly correct the artificially low prices of unhealthy, processed foods such as soda through taxation.

But the Texas soda tax has not been billed as a farm bill corrective. It's billed as a public health measure. We're going to have to make compromises this legislative session, and taxing a luxury good like soda is a compromise I'm willing to make. But let's not claim that taxation is the key to reducing obesity and improving public health.

Clabby is an English senior.

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Longhorns support fellow students at event for emergency fund

By Molly Moore
Daily Texan Staff

Students dug in their pockets to help support the Student Emergency Fund at the first-ever Spring into Giving campaign.

Students Hooked on Texas, a group devoted to community service and fundraising for UT, sponsored the full-day event on Gregory Plaza on Wednesday to raise money for the Student Emergency Fund. The cause brought together student volunteers from several University colleges and philanthropic societies.

The fund helps students stay on track academically in times of crisis, said Christa Lopez, the coordinator of Student Emergency Services in the Office of the Dean of Students, which sponsors the fund.

“We help students sustain their progress at UT,” Lopez said. “Sometimes, without these funds, the students would have to leave the University, delaying their education a semester or a year. We help them make it to their graduation on time.”

The Student Emergency Fund, which started 10 years ago, is available to any UT student facing a “temporary financial hardship resulting from an emergency situation,” according to the Dean of Students website, which is also where students apply for aid. On average, amounts given range from \$25-\$150 and have previously helped students pay for hardships, including medical tests and treatments and plane tickets to attend an immediate family member’s funeral.

Party on the Plaza, the Hearts of Texas, Texas Parents, in addition to yesterday’s event, provide most of the donations to the fund, but anyone can contribute by going to the Dean of Students website. All of the money raised goes toward students who apply for financial help.

“There’s such a direct, immediate benefit with the Emergency Fund, as every dollar raised goes to help someone experiencing a personal crisis,” said Julie Lucas, the assistant director of Students Hooked on Texas.

For this year’s Spring into Giving campaign, a group of five alumni have pledged to match student donations dollar-for-dollar by each donating up to \$5,000, Lucas said. They will renew this pledge annually for the next four years. Lucas said they won’t know the total amount raised this year until Friday.

“[With \$3,000-\$4,000 currently in the fund] and the 50,000 students at UT, we obviously can’t help everyone,” Lopez said. “So for students that may be OK financially, we encourage them to give back to their friend who needs a little help or their classmate who is homeless and living on the street. Even if someone doesn’t think that giving a dollar will help, that dollar becomes two. And you never know who or how you are helping.”

Students interested in applying for a grant from the Emergency Fund can find the application on the Office of the Dean of Students website. The application must be accompanied by sufficient documentation of financial hardship.

“In times of crisis, it’s already so stressful, and to know that there is some backup from the University takes some of that pressure off,” said applied learning and development freshman Sumayya Pirbhai, who volunteered at the event.



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Sophomore Stephen Bourne hands out stickers on Wednesday afternoon during Spring Into Giving.

Training session helps educate GLBT allies

By Victoria Pagan
Daily Texan Staff

The Gender and Sexuality Center sponsored an Ally-training session where 12 staff and students learned about GLBT terminology, misconceptions and ways to support the community.

The program was one of many events during 2011 Pride Week. To be a GLBT Ally means you have taken the Ally course, are aware of on- and off-campus GLBT resources, are familiar enough with terminology to be comfortable talking within the GLBT community, and sit with only positive regard for GLBT people, said Shane Whalley, the Center education coordinator and event speaker.

Whalley said many people in Austin fail to consider the struggles that GLBT people face because they assume discrimination doesn’t happen in such a liberal city.

“There have been two hate crimes on Fourth Street this year,” Whalley said. “By not being aware of these things, you can be putting a friend in harm’s way.”

Whalley said heterosexism is a problem within the GLBT community because it is ingrained in our society and is hard to get out of the minds of many people.

“I’ve never had someone come up to me and say, ‘Do you think so-and-so is heterosexual?’” Whalley said. “Heterosexism is this basic systemic practice that assumes that everyone is heterosexual.”

Gender and Sexuality Center director Ixchel Rosal said many people purposefully or accidentally cause GLBT people harm by ‘outing’ their sexual orientation.

“Someone’s sexual orientation is really confidential, and outing someone’s sexual identity can be doing them more harm than good,” Rosal said.

Rosal said the media often fails to accurately portray the GLBT community and other groups with whom it interacts.

“They tend to put media focus on faith communities that are not supportive of the GLBT community,” Rosal said. “There is a Christian left, and there is a Christian community that is very embracing of GLBT.”

Meg Helpin, who is at UT as part of Americorps VISTA, a national organization that fights poverty, said after experiencing Ally training, she thinks it would be good for people both inside and outside the GLBT community.

“It’s just awesome to learn about the available resources we have on campus and about the support the UT [GLBT] community receives through the UT non-discrimination policy,” Helpin said.

Increased loans likely as UT faces cuts

By William James
Daily Texan Staff

Total student loan debt may top \$1 trillion this year, having previously exceeded total credit card debt for the first time last year, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

Mark Kantrowitz, who publishes financial aid and scholarship websites *FinAid.org* and *FastWeb.com*, collected the data. Federal and private student loan debt totals currently exceed \$903 billion, according to *FinAid.org*.

As the University prepares for state funding slashes, potential tuition increases and cuts to scholarships, students may have to borrow even more in coming years, said Tom Melecki, UT director of Student Financial Services.

“This year, undergraduates received \$180 million through grants and scholarships. However, UT is anticipating a possible cut of \$30 million in grants and scholarships next year, which will leave some students to look for alternative funding sources,” Melecki said.

The cut will largely affect merit-based ones. Melecki said students should still search for scholarships and fill out the Federal Application for Student Aid. He also advised students to look into work-study opportunities and part-time jobs.

“Studies show students who work during the week have higher GPAs and graduation rates,” Melecki said.

The Office of Student Financial Services reports that undergraduates this year have borrowed \$122 million through federal student loans, and their parents have borrowed \$61 million through federal parent loans.

Senior finance lecturer Greg Hallman said that getting a degree is an important investment in a young person’s future.

“Although it is discouraging to graduate with loans in a bad economy, the economy is cyclical and will likely bounce back sooner than later,” Hallman said.

Business graduate student Brian Pfitzinger said having student loans was excellent because they made him responsible to managing his expenses.

“The cost of education can be supported financially because our country’s economic viability depends on an educated work force,” Pfitzinger said.

Melecki said that students who graduate from UT obtain a higher average salary than other college graduates, so it may be easier for UT alumni to pay their debt back. However, Melecki advised not to “go overboard” and to borrow only what they need to attend UT and no more.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Longhorns find their next associate coach

**By Will Anderson**
Daily Texan Staff

Just like that, the coaching carousel comes to a stop for Texas.

The University announced on Tuesday the hiring of Rob Lanier, a former Texas assistant who spent the last four seasons at Florida.

It was widely suspected that Lanier

was on Rick Barnes' radar but equally unsure whether the Longhorn head coach would get his man.

"Our entire coaching staff is ecstatic," Barnes said in a press release on Tuesday. "The fact of the matter is we weren't sure we could get him here."

Lanier spent the past four seasons helping build the Gators from SEC contenders to NCAA Elite Eight material

under Billy Donovan.

He fills the spot vacated last week by Rodney Terry, another longtime Barnes assistant who left to take the head coaching job at Fresno State on April 7.

It was a quick move by the Texas athletics department, especially compared to the months-long search earlier this year to overhaul the football staff. To be fair, the basketball team required just

one coach. Still, it took two weeks for Texas Tech to find a new head coach last month in Billy Gillispie and slightly longer to bring Lon Kruger to Oklahoma from UNLV. It took Barnes five days.

It was such an easy fit because Lanier returns to Texas, where he coached for two seasons from 1999 to 2001. His

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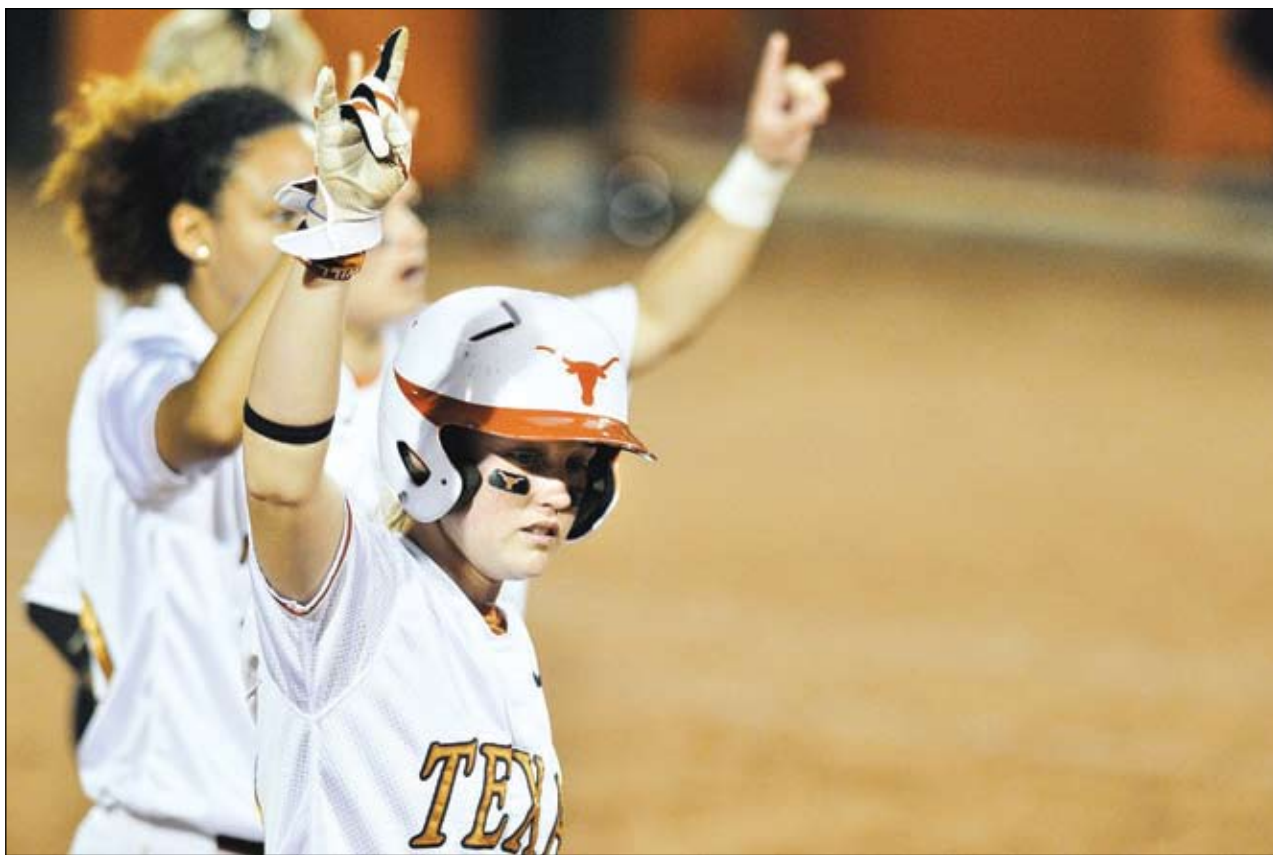
Texas suffers first home loss of year

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

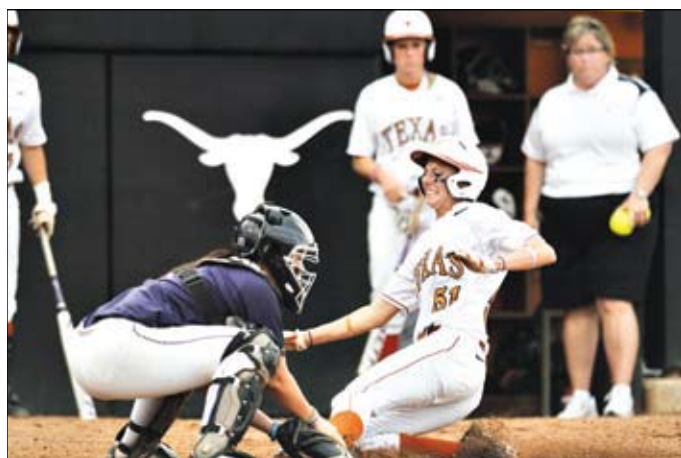
Coming home after what was their toughest road test of the year at Nebraska, Texas should have had a break against Stephen F. Austin, but the No. 3 Longhorns came out flat, resulting in their first home loss of the season, 1-0.

SFA (11-28) came right out of the gates and quickly loaded the bases against sophomore Kim Bruins in her first start of the year — thanks to a leadoff walk, a quick single and then a fielder's choice that went awry when Nadia Taylor couldn't tag out a runner on third after fielding a sharp grounder.

Bruins, who is coming back from injuries that have nagged her since the end of the 2010 season, struck out the next batter and looked like she had control of the inning. In what proved to be the mistake that cost the team the game, Bruins sent the next batter to first on a walk,

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The Longhorns hang their heads after a shocking loss to Stephen F. Austin at Red McCombs Field. Texas was 17-0 at home before Wednesday night's loss.

Trent Lesikar
Daily Texan Staff**Trent Lesikar** | Daily Texan Staff

First baseman Lexy Bennett is tagged out at home plate. Texas was shut out for the first time this season.

Offense sputters against Lumberjacks

By Sarah Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

Until now, the Longhorn pitching staff could count on a prolific offense to propel the team to a win. What worked in the past could not lift the Longhorns past Stephen F. Austin, who gave the Horns their first home loss of the season 0-1.

"I think every team is going to play up for us and I think they definitely came out ready to play," said all-American pitcher Blaire Luna. "I think their pitcher did a great

job tonight."

Junior first baseman Lexy Bennett normally leads the Texas offense with a .453 average, the best in the Big 12, and in hits with 53. Bennett was unable to produce a hit in three at-bats, which surprised the National Player of the year finalist.

"Their pitcher did a good job of keeping it down; she kept it at ground balls," Bennett said. "That is all they were wanting and that is all they got. It was hard for us to get any extra base hits or get it through the infield."

The Lumberjacks' starting pitcher Carlie Thomas was able to take command of the Texas offense which is ranked eighth in the nation in batting average with a .342 and second in winning percentage with a .919. Thomas's pitching wasn't the only thing to blame for the lack of an offensive performance. Texas head coach Connie Clark admits that exhaustion and impatience with losing led to over-aggression at the plate that was not able to get runs across.

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FOOTBALL

Diaz easing into role as new coordinator; brings new schemes

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

Adjusting to a new scheme is nothing new for Mack Brown's defense.

In the past seven seasons, four defensive coordinators have held the position at Texas, grooming the Longhorns in their own ways.

Browns' latest defensive hire, Manny Diaz, is in full control now after completing his first spring season in Austin and the Longhorn defense is finally starting to take shape.

Texas fans can expect to see a more aggressive defense on the field in 2011, behind Diaz's pressure-oriented scheme. The days of sitting back and reacting — usually the game plan under former coordinator and current Florida head coach Will Muschamp — are gone, and the Longhorns will look to dictate the opposition's offense by attacking the quarterback and running game.

"In this defense, we bring so much pressure that we dictate what happens," said Texas senior linebacker

Emmanuel Acho. "It's not so much what the other team does; it's more so what we do. If you're aggressive and your teammates are aggressive, big things will happen."

The change certainly has Acho excited, and the Dallas native says the potential for the defense this season is sky high.

While Diaz plans to utilize the speed and quickness up front to harass the ball carrier, the former Mississippi State coordinator isn't forgetting his playmakers in the secondary. In fact, senior safety Blake Gideon says his newfound freedom on defense is a welcome change because the players have more flexibility to make adjustments before the play.

"As you get more comfortable in it, then you're able to make checks and get out of base looks on the field," Gideon said. "You're able to show different things before pre-snap and move into something else. It's really an NFL feel to this defense,

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Junior quarterback Garrett Gilbert drops back to pass during Texas' spring game on April 3 at Darrell K Royal-Memorial Stadium.

Quarterbacks vie for role of starter

**By Trey Scott**
Daily Texan Columnist

After a 5-7 season, Mack Brown really has no other choice than to shake things up.

After finishing up his off-season staff shuffle, Mack has said that all position battles are "wide

open," last year's starters will have to prove themselves to an entirely new group of coaches if they want their old jobs back.

But should we really believe that the quarterback competition is truly up for grabs? No.

Obviously, this discussion would not be necessary if last season wasn't such a debacle. But it was and, like it or not, you can't finish

No. 74 in the nation in total offense and not put most of the blame on the quarterback.

Garrett Gilbert struggled in his first year as the starter, throwing just 10 touchdowns to 17 interceptions. Poor ball control was an issue and, at times, it looked like Gilbert was in over his head out

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SIDELINE

NBA

	HORNETS	89
	MAVERICKS	121
	ROCKETS	121
	TIMBERWOLVES	102

MLB

	RANGERS	2
	TIGERS	3

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Federal court finds Bonds guilty on obstruction of justice charge

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds was convicted of obstruction of justice Wednesday but a jury failed to reach a verdict on three other counts that the home run king lied to a grand jury when he denied knowingly using steroids and human growth hormone.

The verdict, following a 12-day trial and almost four full days of deliberation, was a messy end to a case that put the slugger in the spotlight for more than three years.

Bonds sat stone-faced through the verdict, displaying no emotion. His legal team immediately asked that the guilty verdict be thrown out and U.S. District Judge Susan Illston did not rule on the request. She set May 20 for a hearing in the case.

The case also represented the culmination of the federal investigation into the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroids ring. Federal prosecutors and the Justice Department will have to decide whether to retry Bonds on the unresolved counts.

— The Associated Press

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2	Virginia
3	South Carolina
4	Florida
5	Texas A&M
6	Texas
7	North Carolina
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9	Oregon State
10	Arizona State
11	Florida State
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The real mystery of this quarterback quandary is Wood. After redshirting last year, he still has four years of eligibility left and drew positive reviews during spring practice from those close to the program. Wood went 8-14 and, while he struggled with his accuracy, flashed some mobility and featured what may be the strongest arm of the bunch. However, he didn't get the opportunities Gilbert and McCoy did (fewer snaps, fewer passing plays, most of the time against the

What's the worst that can happen?
5-7?

Terry, who left for Fresno State, was an important figure in recruiting current Longhorns Tristan Thompson and Cory Joseph. Now Lanier takes over with the 2011 recruiting class soon to arrive, which includes standouts Myck Kabongo and Sheldon McClellan, and the 2012 recruiting period looming on the horizon.

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in 1961, two years after Hawaii became a state. Throw this island trend in with the bombshell Hollywood girls partying it up in chic Frank Lloyd Wright homes, and it's not hard to see how all eyes were turned to California.

But let's back this story up to the early '30s and one long-standing cocktail clash between Don the Beachcomber and Trader Vic's. Both entrepreneurs were so ingrained in their business that rarely do you find them referred to by their original names.

Beachcomber, born Ernest Raymond Beaumont Gantt in New Orleans according to the bio on his site, was a world traveler during the Depression until he met some guys from California who convinced him to go out to California in '31. Three years later, he took his collective experiences as a drifter and Don the Beachcomber's restaurant in L.A. was born.

That was the same year that Trader Vic, born Victor Bergeron according to his website, started up his bar in Oakland, Calif. But Vic didn't start with tiki. His saloon, Hinky Dinks, became Trader Vic's two years later, after he traveled to the South Pacific.

Out of this feud came two citrus drinks that use rich rum flavors: the zombie and the mai tai.

"Although [the zombie] may seem like a product of the Pu-Pu platter 1950s," wrote David Wondrich, cocktail historian for Esquire, "it actually hearkens back to the late '30s, when Hollywood restaurateur Don the Beachcomber supposedly cooked it up as liquid CPR for some poor SOB experiencing death by hangover."

The zombie is complex, to say the least. With 11 ingredients and four distinct types of rum, it's no wonder that this drink isn't seen in your contemporary dive bars.

Then there's the mai tai, the most contested tiki cocktail, which arguably fared a little better than its elaborate, living-dead cocktail counterpart. The original recipe looks somewhat like an abridged version of the mai tai, with its citrus, rum and curacao components.



FINO bar manager Josh Loving, left, mixes up a tiki-inspired drink while Clinton Tedin tops off a patron's glass. Several high-end Austin bars, including FINO, have begun hosting tiki cocktail nights, a sign of the revival.

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Vic's site still claims that he came up with it first in '44, after one of his Tahitian friends called out, "Maita'i roa ae!" which translates to "the very best."

Unfortunately, cocktail history can be somewhat like trying to remember what you did last night after the fifth or sixth shot of tequila — you're not quite sure what was in some of your drinks and you're pretty sure you got in a couple fights. But the result from this part of cocktail history is that both cocktails and entrepreneurs did something great for the culinary world: They helped bring mixology back to the U.S.

Regardless of Beachcomber and Vic's rivalry, both helped usher

back in the art of mixology after much of that craft had been lost or unused during the prior 13 years of Prohibition. Before it was repealed in '33, most people in the industry went underground, found new jobs or left for another country so they could still make a buck.

MAI TAI

Ingredients

- 2 oz dark rum
 - 1 oz lime juice
 - 1/2 oz orange curacao
 - 1/2 oz orgeat syrup
 - 1/8 oz rock candy syrup
- collins glass or tiki mug

Directions

- Pour rum, lime juice, curacao, orgeat syrup, and rock candy syrup (simple syrup with a dash of vanilla) with cracked ice in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake well and pour unstrained into a large Collins glass or tiki mug.

Yield: One drink

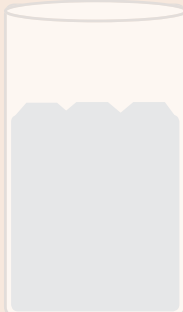
ZOMBIE PUNCH

Ingredients

- 3/4 oz lime juice
- 1/2 oz white grapefruit juice
- 1/4 oz cinnamon syrup (see note)
- 1/2 oz falernum (see note)
- 1 1/2 oz dark Jamaican rum, such as Appleton Estate V/X
- 1 1/2 oz gold rum, such as Cruzan 5-year-old
- 1 oz 151-proof Lemon Hart Demerara rum
- Dash Angostura bitters
- 6 drops (1/8 teaspoon) Herbsaint or Pernod
- 1 teaspoon grenadine

Directions

- Put everything into a blender. Blend at high speed for 5 seconds. Pour into a highball glass and add ice cubes to fill. Decorate with sliced fruit or berries and a mint sprig.



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mat in which three experienced break-dancers judge the cleanliness, musicality and difficulty of a dancer's moves. The battles are held to promote the Austin break-dance scene, giving B-boy Session the opportunity to stage their own battles. The battles are predominately one-on-one but can be two-on-two, and the winner gets however much money is donated by the dancers before the battle starts.

"I wanted to be a part of something not many people can do, so I could feel unique in my own way," Lam said. "It's a form of expression and helps me relieve stress."

Lam insists that a B-boy requires the mixed elements of gymnastics, dance and martial arts. It also consists of four primary moves: toprock, footwork, freezes and powermoves. Toprock moves consist of any string of steps performed from the standing position, freezes imply a halt of all body motion and powermoves combine fast momentum with acrobatic elements. Gloves and hats are also worn to reduce friction, allowing the members to spin faster on the floor.

"It's all physics; you're constantly going with the momentum of

the movement," Lam said. "Doing those windmills on the floor, your legs are spinning the whole time."

While the windmills require an extreme amount of momentum, the members of B-boy Session agree that the powermoves are the most challenging physically. The physical nature comes from having to, at times, be able to support their entire body weight with only one hand.

"It pushes your body to a limit that you've never done before," said Yoshi Ko, member of the group and UT alumnus.

Most of their dance moves are completely freestyle. The men and women of B-boy Session rely on the four mirrors in the Quadrangle Room to help them see what moves look good and what needs more work.

"You need [the mirrors] for perfection," Ko said. "You want to be able to watch yourself and the better your stuff looks, the better executed it will be."

While Lam said break dancing is male-dominated, girls have also found the artistic outlet to be relaxing and rewarding. Sarah Labianca, a biomedical engineering freshman, just joined B-boy Session this semester.

"I haven't picked up any skills; it's a lifetime process," Labianca said, and then began to laugh. "It was so awkward at first, but I never considered quitting."

Although the movements seemed awkward in the beginning for Labianca, she continued to come back every Wednesday. Many newcomers only come once and then realize it's much harder than it looks, even though most members of B-boy Session don't have any previous dance experience before joining. Instead, all of the skills they learn and muscle strength they've gained has come from hours of daily practice, along with watching their peers and studying YouTube videos.

As break-dancers, they're used to the bruises and falls it takes to impress a crowd, but at the same time have grown accustomed to spectators not fully grasping the artistry behind the headstands and spins.

"There's all of these misconceptions that it's just people sliding on the floor, but it's an art form," Lam said. "People watching think it's all acrobatic because they don't realize the art of combining the skills with the beat."

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but fine art in clothing as well.

After being criticized by professors early in the semester for "not having each piece speak to each other," Albanna reworked her looks and began consistently creating pieces that could be interchangeable. She followed the lead of Grande Courtiers such as Chanel and Versace and created intricate weaving of cuts, layers of fabric and ornate beaded designs.

Working down to the wire to perfect her painstakingly avant-garde collection, Albanna's work consists of mixed textures such as chains, lace and leather while utilizing four different silks, which create soft, light movements.

"I was inspired by haute couture, and wanted the garments to express the artist within me

working through the medium of clothing," Albanna said.

Sticking with a distinct color palette of porcelain, cream and gold, with the darkest color a chocolate brown seen in leather trim and sheer burlap, some professors said her palette and designs resembled Elie Saab's spring 2011 couture collection.

Every piece in her collection makes an individual statement and includes three looks followed by an unconventional and urban, cream and golden wedding gown. The gown epitomizes a nouveau-chic New York debutante pushing the limits of practicality and sensationalism.

The gown's cream bodice is encrusted with gold crystals, stones and beads which add weight and depth to the top, despite being

revealingly scissored away at the waist. The side is detailed with cafe-colored silk and features a sheer, fringed shoulder strap. The above-the-knee skirt seen beneath the translucent gown is made from a cream lining, then is massively draped with layers of cafe-colored, sheer dupioni silk and a porcelain ruffled silk burlap. The draping creates a short train that resembles the long feathers of an everglades heron.

Earlier this semester, Albanna's work received an accolade for creativity in a fashion contest hosted by the University Co-op. When she debuts her collection on April 21, she hopes that it will make a lasting impression on not just the Co-op's panel of critics, but Austin's fashion community as well.



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WEEKEND

"This Spring of Love"

The City Theatre Company presents "This Spring of Love," a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's classic, "The Two Men of Verona." The romantic comedy will follow the story of four young friends and lovers in their pursuit of romance.

WHAT: "This Spring of Love"

WHERE: The City Theatre, 3823 Airport Blvd. Suite D

WHEN: April 14 - May 8

HOW MUCH: \$15 for students

International Guitar Extravaganza

Guitar groups from Austin to Germany join forces for a performance benefitting the Young Performing Artist Program. Artists will include St. Louis Bella Corda, the Youth Guitar Orchestra of Budenheim, Germany, and Austin Bella Corda.

WHAT: International Guitar Extravaganza

WHERE: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

WHEN: Saturday at 7 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

"Rio Bravo"

Kicked off with a question-and-answer session with two-time Golden Globe-winning actress Angie Dickinson and Turner Classic Movies host Ben Mankiewicz, Time Warner and TCM will host a screening of "Rio Bravo" as part of TCM's Road to Hollywood tour. The 1959 Western stars Dickenson alongside John Wayne and Dean Martin.

WHAT: "Rio Bravo" Free Screening

WHERE: The Paramount Theatre

WHEN: Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

Tiki-themed concoctions make return in Austin bars



THIRSTY THURSDAY

By Gerald Rich

There's a certain imagery associated with tiki culture — that broad over-Americanization of all things tropical, resulting in color-me-sick frozen cocktails with plastic swords for miniature pirates poured into coconuts.

Maybe this imagery is the result of too many cruise-ship vacations with the family, but the roots of tiki culture and culinary importance run deep into post-World War II American culture and history, and is making a resurgence in the Austin bar scene, with more high-end bars such as FINO and East Side Show Room offering tiki-themed cocktail nights.

"When the war ended, returning servicemen carried home stories and snapshots of exotic Pacific lands and people they met in transit and on leave," wrote Wayne Curtis in "And a Bottle of Rum: A History of the New World in Ten Cocktails." "Tiki began in the cities, but it was too powerful to remain confined there ... Apartment buildings, bowling alleys, trailer parks, laundromats, and corner restaurants were dressed up with tiki heads and masks, rattan walls, dried blow-fish, and electric tiki torches."

Although the war ended in 1945, some memories never went away for servicemen. Stories were swapped, realities of war were glossed over and the tiki craze slowly matured in California until it had fully invaded the U.S. by the early '60s.

Think of the 1949 musical or the 1958 movie "South Pacific," or Elvis Presley's "Blue Hawaii"

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BREAKING IT DOWN

By Lindsey Cherner
Daily Texan Staff

Every Wednesday night, funk and hip-hop music is heard around the hall and through the closed doors of the Union Quadrangle Room. As Darren Lam made quick crossovers with his feet, he then dropped to the floor and spun on his back for what seemed like an eternity. As the tempo of the song increased, so did the speed of his spin, his legs tucking in toward his torso for maximum momentum.

Lam, a B-boy and nutritional science sophomore, was drawn to break dancing because of his appreciation for dance and the way it lends itself to creative expression. Everyone brings their own style to the floor, making what seems like effortless movements to the beat and creating camaraderie by circling around each other when doing floor work.

"All of this is muscle memory until your body gets used to doing it," said Lam, president of B-boy Session. "Break dancing is the dance, but there's lots of musicality involved; you have to have your own swagger."

B-boy Session began in 2005, when UT alumnus Zeshen Wu felt the University needed to have a place for break-dancers to come together and practice new and old skills.

The group is primarily made up of UT students but open to



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B-boy Session member Adan Rivera checks out his moves in one of the mirrors in the Union Quadrangle Room on Wednesday night. The group participates in dance battles to promote the Austin break-dance scene.

anyone interested in the art. After graduating, Wu moved to Houston and now performs with Havikoro, one of the biggest break-dance crews in Texas. Since then, Lam and other experienced break-dancers have taken

over the group.

The art of break dancing originated in the South Bronx in the late 1960s as a way for gangs to fight without actually hitting each other. In the 1980s the dance evolved into a way for groups to

come together, either to perform or to battle.

Once a month the dancers of B-boy Session can compete in the Austin area in battle for-

WHAT: B-boy Sessions

WHERE: The Union, Quadrangle Room (3.304)

WHEN: Wednesdays at 10 p.m.

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Student creates ornate fashion designs

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series about the textiles and apparel seniors and their fashion show held at the end of the semester.

By William James
Daily Texan Staff

Fashion masterminds such as Yves Saint Laurent, Cristóbal Balenciaga and Gianni Versace have highlighted the history of haute couture and inspired designers for many years, including UT fashion designer and senior Sophia Albanna.

Her collection, titled Couture Architecture, proves that she shares the grand masters' devotion to realizing personal vision through cut, cloth, and in Albanna's case, elaborate ornamentation.

UT's textiles and apparel senior

fashion show, titled "Innovation," will be held April 21 at the Frank Erwin Center. With nearly 5,000 people expected to attend, the University Fashion Group expects this event to be one of the biggest fashion shows in Texas. Students will debut nearly 100 looks down the runway altogether, with a panel of judges awarding accolades to deserving designers.

Although Albanna had been designing clothes as a hobby since she was a child, she decided to major in education her freshman year, but switched to psychology a semester later. After her freshman year, her parents encouraged her to become serious about her fashion hobby and she transferred to the textiles and apparel department in the School of Natural Sciences.

WHAT: "Innovation" — the UT senior fashion show

WHERE: Frank Erwin Center

WHEN: Thursday, April 21; pre-show exhibition at 6:30 p.m. show at 8 p.m.

TICKETS: Free

Summer studies experiences at Parsons New School for Design her sophomore summer and Colombia College in Chicago her junior summer contributed to her current collection. She says her collection is modeled after a world-traveling woman who is a prominent art critic — someone who recognizes not just fine art on a canvas

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Senior design and textiles major Sophia Albanna designs dresses embellished with elaborate bead and lace work. Her collection, "Couture Architecture," will be showcased at "Innovation," the senior fashion show on April 21.



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